Customer Number 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 2356.0062-05

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln of:

Maurice MONCANY et al.

Serial No.: 09/670,105

Filed: September 26, 2000

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Prior Examiner: U. Winkler

FICE AUG 2 8 2003 For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES DERIVED FROM THE GENOME OF RETROVIRUSES OF THE HIV-1, HIV-2 AND SIV TYPE, AND THEIR USES IN PARTICULAR FOR THE AMPLIFICATION OF THE GENOMES OF THESE RETROVIRUSES AND FOR THE IN VITRO DIAGNOSIS OF THE DISEASES DUE TO THESE VIRUSES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Enclosed is a response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2003 (Paper No. 15). The items checked below are appropriate:

1. A Petition for extension of time to extend the period for response two months to August 25, 2003, is enclosed together with a fee of \$410.00.

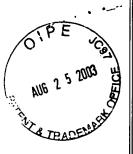
The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Ad	lditional Fee
Total	24	-	27	0	x \$ 18	\$	0.00
Indep.	4	-	6	0	x \$ 84		0.00
☐ First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$280							0.00
Subtotal						\$	0.00
Reduction by ½ if small entity						-	0.00
TOTAL						\$	0.00

- There are no fees due for the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed. 2.
  - Exhibits 1-4 are attached. 3.
- 4. An Abstract is attached.

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5. A check for \$410.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: August 25, 2003

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